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SUBJECT: UNSC DRC SANCTIONS COMMITTEE: OBJECT TO FOCAL
POINT DELISTING REQUEST

REF: SCSOB/DL/2009/OC.97

¶1. This is an action request. Prior to the No Objection Deadline of 10 November, USUN is requested to object to the Focal Point delisting request for Ignace Murwanashyaka (DOB: 14 May 1963; POB: Ngoma, Butare, Rwanda; citizen of Rwanda; resident of Germany). USUN may inform the UK and French Missions to the UN that we have objected to Ignace Murwanashyaka's delisting request. USUN may also inform the Rwandan Mission to the UN that the U.S. was one of the listing States and that we have objected to Ignace Murwanashyaka's delisting request. However, USUN should not inform the Rwandan Mission of the position on the delisting taken by other UN Missions or reveal which other States cosponsored the listing, given that decisions of the Committee are made by consensus in closed meetings.

¶2. Ignace Murwanashyaka should continue to be subject to the measures imposed by paragraphs 13 and 15 of UN Security Council resolution 1596 (2005) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which include a travel ban and asset freeze. As President of the Rwandan Democratic Liberation Forces (FDLR), Ignace Murwanashyaka continues to pose a serious threat to the peace and security of the entire Great Lakes region. Ignace Murwanashyaka's Focal Point delisting request does not contest his leadership role in the FDLR. Paragraph 5 of resolution 1804 (2008) stressed that the targeted measures that apply to political and military leaders of armed groups operating in the DRC who impede the disarmament and the voluntary repatriation or resettlement of combatants belonging to those groups are applicable to leaders of the FDLR. The Security Council affirmed this designation criterion in paragraph 4(b) of resolution 1857 (2008).

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